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Pretty, Ugly, Cheap, Dear. See Them.
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Uneda Jinger Wafers	15c
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Of Framed Pictures. We intend to devote this week solely to closing out our line of framed pictures at prices which you can not refuse to take advantage of.

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TO PRESERVE CHINA AND COREA

Alliance Between Great Britain and Japan Made Public.

WAS SURPRISE TO PUBLIC

Regarded in London as Direct Move Against Russia—Press Comments Not at All Favorable.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—An important parliamentary paper was issued to-night, giving the terms of a practical alliance between Great Britain and Japan for the preservation of China and Corea. The paper covers a dispatch sent by Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for foreign affairs, January 30, to the British minister to China, Sir Claude MacDonald, and comprises a signed copy of the agreement.

In explanation, the paper says the agreement may be regarded as an outcome of the events of the past two years. Throughout the Boxer troubles Great Britain and Japan had been in close and uninterrupted communication and actuated by similar views.

"We each desire," says Lord Lansdowne, "that the integrity and independence of the Chinese empire should be preserved and that there should be no disturbance of territorial status quo in China or adjoining regions." The discovery that their far Eastern policies were identical resulted in each party to the agreement expressing its desire that their common policy find expression in an international contract of binding validity.

Lord Lansdowne further says that the British government was largely influenced in entering upon this important contract by the conviction that it contains no provision which can be regarded as aggressive or self-seeking. He says it is concluded merely as a measure of precaution and in no way threatens the present position or legitimate interests of the other powers.

His majesty's government trusts that the agreement will be of mutual advantage to the two countries and make for the preservation of peace, and, should peace unfortunately be broken, it will have the effect of restricting the area of hostilities.

The paper issued after parliament had adjourned for the night announcing the first important alliance between the western and yellow, or Asian race, comes as a startling surprise to the public. Although the idea of the alliance is likely to meet with general approval, the outcome of this sensational departure will be anticipated with no little anxiety. It is regarded as a direct move against Russia and to explain the abandonment of the colony of Wei-Hai-Wei.

LONDON PRESS STARTLED.

Agreement Comes as Surprise and Many Pertinent Questions Asked. LONDON, Feb. 11.—Referring editorially to the British-Japanese alliance the morning papers, to whom the agreement comes as a startling surprise, ask many pertinent questions concerning it.

The Daily News says: "Our magnificent isolation has come to an end with a pretty sudden shock. Whether the treaty is indicative of an anti-British coalition in the far East, whether it marks the tearing up of the Anglo-American treaty and whether the visit of Prince Henry to America is an answer to the new naval alliance are matters of speculation. We hope the government will lose no time in further elucidating the situation, which it is fraught with the gravest consequences."

WAS THE MARY GRAHAM.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The schooner which was burnt to the water's edge off Cape May last night was the Mary Graham, 185 tons, from Norfolk to New York, and the crew is safe, having reached here this afternoon.

ROAD MAY BE TIED UP.

Strike on Northern Pacific at Missoula Assumes Serious Aspect.

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 11.—Two switchmen's strike which was inaugurated here yesterday afternoon in the yards of the Northern Pacific railway has assumed a grave aspect, and unless the officials of the company recede from the position they have taken

in a strike along the entire system is probable.

Last night the night switching crew quit work and conductors and brakemen have refused to make up or handle any trains unless the switching is done by the regular crews of the yards.

The cause of the trouble was the discharging of two men who refused to work with a road engine without side-board attachments. The switchmen declare they are violating a late law in complying with the order of the railroad company.

The statute in question provides that trainmen and yardmen who are injured while working in the yards on an engine without sideboards are alone held responsible for such injuries and can collect no damages from the company.

STRIKE AVERTED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—In accordance with the plan of arbitration arranged a fortnight since, 6000 cloakmakers have reached an agreement as to wages and conditions for the spring season and there will be no strike.

BOER AGENT COMING.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Hague correspondent of the Daily Telegraph understands that Dr. Mueller, former consul of the Orange Free State to Holland and now on his way to New York, is taking dispatches from the Boer delegates in Europe for President Roosevelt and that Dr. Mueller will remain in the United States as an official Boer agent.

LIPTON'S NEW RACER

WILL BE TESTED AGAINST SHAMROCK II.

Old Boat Will Be Manned by American Captain and Crew.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Sir Thomas Lipton's third challenger for the America cup will be tested against Shamrock II with an American crew on board the latter. The decision is the outcome of the statement that the Columbia was better handled during the cup races of last year.

No American captain has yet been asked to show what he can do with the Shamrock II and probably none will be until the coming season, but Sir Thomas has decided that after his new challenger has been thoroughly tried here against Shamrock II and another series of trials shall be carried out over the cup courses against Shamrock II in American hands. By this means it is hoped to show how far Mr. Watson's opinion of his boat was justified and give the third challenger such a turning up as to assure that she shall not suffer by being beaten to the line in an untried condition.

STEAMER ON THE ROCKS.

HALIFAX, N. C., Feb. 11.—The steamer Grecian remains hard on the rocks off Sandwich Point, with tugs in readiness to make an attempt to get her afloat. The divers found two large openings in the steamer's bottom made by sharp rocks. Some of the crew made matters lively after broaching cases of whiskey in the cargo and they were placed in irons.

ABANDONED AT SEA.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Dutch tank steamer Bremerhaven, from Philadelphia to Antwerp, was abandoned February 3 in latitude 48, longitude 73, with her stern tube leaking. Her crew were rescued and have been landed at Liverpool by the British steamer Ansel de Larinaaga. The Bremerhaven was a steel vessel and registered 3555 tons gross. She was owned by the American Petroleum Company.

AMERICAN SUICIDES ABROAD.

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 11.—F. M. Zellers, a patient in the hospital at the National Military Home here, has received a letter from the American consul at Tien Tsin, China, stating that his daughter, Margaret Zellers, had committed suicide there December 23, and that he (the consul) had \$10,000 which she had left for her father.

ATTACKED BY TWO WOMEN.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 11.—Multitudes on guard over the fire ruins during the night heard groans in a house just within the fire lines. They ran up stairs and found Charles Handley, a telegraph lineman, with his head crushed in. He revived sufficiently to say two women attacked him. He then relapsed into unconsciousness and will probably die.

THE OPPOSITION GAINS STRENGTH

Change of Sentiment Toward Oleo Bill Develops in the House.

PASSAGE NOT ENDANGERED

Believed That Majority Will Not Exceed Thirty When Final Vote Is Taken Today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Voting on the amendments to the oleomargarine bill in the house today indicate considerable change of sentiment since the last congress when the bill had 106 majority, and that the opposition to the measure has gained strength. While the passing of the bill is not endangered, it is not likely that the majority tomorrow, when the final vote is taken, will exceed 30.

The opposition today was strong enough in committee of the whole to adopt two important amendments, one providing that nothing in the act should be construed to prevent the manufacture and sale of oleo in any state for consumption entirely within such state, and the other to provide for the inspection and branding of the renovated or process butter. The latter amendment was especially obnoxious to friends of the measure, and when the bill was reported to the house a separate vote was demanded on it. That vote was pending when the house adjourned.

Several committee amendments adopted today changed the phraseology of the bill, the most important being that making the 10 cent tax apply to oleomargarine made in the limitation of butter "of any shade of yellow."

Considerable feeling was injected into the proceedings toward the close of the session.

TO PRODUCE RAIN.

Interesting Experiments to Be Made by an Aeronaut.

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 11.—Prof. John E. Baldwin, the aeronaut, is preparing to make an interesting experiment next summer, the first time there is a drought in this section. His plan is to send up 1000 balloons from different points, each to carry a dynamite bomb, the same to be exploded as nearly simultaneously as possible, the object being to produce rain. The balloons will be sent up from Richmond, Centerville and Cambridge City, Newcastle, Middleton, Muncie, Parker City, Winchester, Hagerstown and Los Antville. Several men are backing Mr. Baldwin in making the experiment.

PRICE OF BROOMS ADANCED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—The meeting of the broom manufacturers' Association of the United States and Canada, scheduled to be held in Chicago on February 23, will be held on February 18. A general advance of 25 cents per dozen in the price of brooms has been decided on and other advances will probably follow. The cause it is declared is a shortage of the broom corn crop.

LAWSON'S YACHT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—It has been learned says the World, that T. W. Lawson's yacht Independence which it was stated, had been ordered broken up and sold for junk, is so broken up that she can be put together at a moment's notice. Its parts are said to have been carefully stowed away. Every part of it is numbered and the storehouse is watched night and day. Mr. Lawson's plans for the boat are unknown.

MINERS CRUSHED TO DEATH.

TRINIDAD, Col., Feb. 11.—J. V. Ribald and Tom Martin were crushed to death by a fall of coal and rock in the mines of the Victor Coal Company.

Ribald was unmarried. Martin leaves a wife and two children.

COCOS ISLAND TREASURE.

Admiral Palliser Says He Will Divulge Its Hiding Place.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 11.—At a meeting of the Pacific Exploration Company which recently sent an expedition to Cocos Island to search for buried treasure, the president stated that a letter had been received from

Admiral Palliser, formerly in command of the British Pacific squadron, stating that if the present expedition was a failure he would divulge the hiding place of the treasure if he was given one-fourth of what was found.

Admiral Palliser visited the island a couple of years ago with his flagship and made a search for the treasure. It was said at the meeting last night that on that occasion the admiral located the treasure but decided to leave it where it was until he had retired from the navy when he intended to recover it.

NOVEL DAMAGE SUIT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Because City Judge Bennett, of Mount Vernon, refused to pay a gas bill of \$1.65, which he contended he had never contracted the gas company turned off his supply three years ago. He brought suit and the gas company carried the case to the appellate division of the supreme court which has just handed down a decision affirming judgment for \$4300 in favor of Judge Bennett for the inconvenience to which he had been put.

IS A HOPELESS WRECK.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The British steamer Knight Companion, of the Port and Asiatic line, from Portland, Oregon, for Hong Kong, which went ashore at Inudoye, on the coast of Japan, is regarded as a hopeless wreck. Salvaging of the cargo has been undertaken on the basis of "no cure no pay."

COST OF THE NEW NAVY

FIGURES SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE.

Of the Completed Vessels the Oregon Cost \$6,575,022, the Greatest Amount.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The new navy has cost the United States \$99,802,928 for construction and \$9,343,235 for repairs on completed vessels. These figures were supplied in a statement forwarded to the senate by the secretary of the navy in response to a resolution adopted by the senate in February, 1901. The facts are all given in tabular form, without explanatory text.

In addition to the expenditures made on vessels now afloat there are several ships in course of construction. These include the Kentucky and the Kearsarge on each of which an expenditure of \$4,000,000 has been authorized and the Illinois, Indiana and Alabama, on each of which an expenditure of \$3,550,000 is authorized. There are also several smaller vessels in course of construction which will bring the total up to a considerable extent when the vessels are completed.

The statement covers the period from 1883 and begins with the building of the Chicago, Atlanta and Boston. Of the completed vessels the Oregon cost the greatest amount, \$6,575,022. The Massachusetts is second in point of cost, \$6,047,175. The cost of the Maine was \$4,677,788.

ACQUITTED OF THE CHARGE.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—The jury in the case of the state vs. Harry Crowhurst, in the superior court today, acquitted him of the charge of assault with a deadly weapon on Oscar Jacobsen, November 14. Crowhurst shot Jacobsen during a quarrel over the former's wife.

PROLIFIC SUBJECT FOR ELOQUENCE

Pending Philippine Tariff Bill Again Precipitates a Sharp Debate.

PROGRESS OF GOVERNMENT

Platt Defends Administration While Hoar Criticizes Philippine Commission—Constitutional Amendment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—A stirring debate was precipitated in the senate late today, the principal participants being Platt, of Connecticut, and Hoar, of Maine, who had concluded for the day his argument against the enactment of the pending Philippine tariff bill.

In response to some statements he made, Platt directed the senate's attention to the situation in the islands, in which he viewed it, maintaining that great progress was being made by the government in subduing the insurrection.

Hoar ridiculed the statements of Platt and in a facetious vein advocated the effort of the American government to control the Filipino people.

The remarks of the Massachusetts man aroused Platt, who made a notable speech in the course of which he referred to Hoar in pretty sharp language.

In reply Hoar delivered an incisive criticism of the action of the Philippine commission.

Early in the day the senate passed a joint resolution submitting the constitutional amendment changing the time of the presidential inauguration and the termination and commencement of the congresses from the fourth of March to the last Thursday in April.

FROM POVERTY TO WEALTH.

Thomas Mulheirn Heir to \$50,000 by Death of Brother.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Nearly deported in December last for his penniless condition, after he had arrived in the steerage of the Etruria, Thomas Mulheirn, of County Dublin, Ireland, will sail back to his native land in a short time with \$50,000 in his possession.

More than 65 years old, he came to see his brother Patrick, 90 years old, whom he knew to be passing away at Sullivan, Me. and although, because of his detention at Ellis Island, he hardly reached his brother's bedside before it was too late, he was not forgotten. By the terms of the will, he was made a comparatively wealthy man. He purposes to return to Ireland and enjoy the competence in his declining years.

AID FOR FIRE VICTIMS.

TOPEKA, Kas., Feb. 11.—The treasurer of the Kansas India Relief Commission has telegraphed \$32.50 to those who suffered on account of the Paterson fire. This amount was all that remained in the commission's fund. It had come in since the last draft was sent to India to relieve the famine sufferers and the commissioners were awaiting a good opportunity to use it.

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